



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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| Application Number   | 10/650,193  |
| Confirmation Number  | 6245  |
| Filing Date          | August 28, 2003   |
| First Named Inventor | Koichi OHTO   |
| Group Art Unit       | 2826  |
| Examiner Name        | Alexander O. WILLIAMS   |
| Matter Number        | Q77191  |
| Title                | SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING<br>SILICON-DIFFUSED METAL WIRING<br>LAYER AND ITS MANUFACTURING<br>METHOD |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 15, 2005
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Date December 15, 2005